

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended)) A connector ~~used in~~ for a kite having spaced apart airfoil  
portions supported by two or more rods defining a kite frame, said connector  
comprising a junction portion having a saddle engageable with a said airfoil  
portion, and extending from said junction portion two or more legs open to receive  
said rods and relatively angled to maintain said airfoil portions in their said spaced  
apart relation.  
  
~~two or more legs each with a first end and a second end; and~~  
~~a junction portion coupled adjacent said first end of said two or more legs,~~  
~~forming a saddle portion therebetween.~~
2. (Currently amended) The connector ~~of~~ according to Claim 1, further comprising  
~~an orifice in said second end of each of said two or more legs~~ including also a kite airfoil  
portion and in which said connector junction portion saddle engages said kite airfoil  
portion.
3. (Currently amended) The connector ~~of~~ according to Claim 2, wherein ~~said orifice~~  
~~is configured to couple to a rod~~ in which said kite airfoil portion is apertured, said  
connector junction saddle being received within said aperture to have its said legs on

opposite sides of said airfoil portion.

4. (Currently amended) The connector of according to Claim 2 3, wherein in which  
said airfoil portion is apertured, and said connector junction saddle portion is configured  
to engages an said airfoil portion aperture of a kite.

5. (Currently amended) The connector of according to Claim 1, [4] wherein an edge  
of said airfoil portion of said kite forming an aperture there through is engaged within  
said saddle portion in which said connector comprises an elastomer.

6. (Currently amended) The connector of according to Claim 1 [4], wherein in which  
each said rod exerts a force on said connector opposing a force exerted on said  
connector by a said airfoil portion.

7. (Currently amended) The connector of Claim 5 1, wherein in which said two or  
more legs are flexibly coupled to said junction portion at an angle and at an orientation  
that varies with said forces exerted upon it said junction portion by a said airfoil portion  
and said rods.

8. (Original) The connector of Claim 1, wherein said connector is flexible.

9. (Original) The connector of Claim 1, wherein said connector is symmetrical about  
a central axis.

10. (Currently amended) In combination: The connector of according to Claim 1, and  
~~said connector is used in the construction of~~ a flying toy having frame rods and an airfoil  
portion supported thereby.

11. (Currently amended) A kite, comprising:

a connector including two or more legs and a junction portion configured to form  
a saddle portion; and

two or more rods that couple to said two or more legs of said connector; and  
an airfoil portion supported by said rods and comprising one or more edges that  
define at least one aperture;

wherein least one of said edges apertures engages said saddle portion.

12. (Currently amended) The kite of according to Claim 11, further comprising a pole  
~~coupled to said airfoil portion at a side opposite the side engaged to said saddle portion~~  
~~of said connector~~ in which said connector is flexible.

13. (Original) The kite of Claim 11, wherein said rods and said airfoil portion exert  
opposing forces on said connector.

14. (Original) The connector of Claim 13, wherein said two or more legs are coupled  
to said junction portion at an angle and an orientation, said connector being flexible  
such that said angle and said orientation varies with said forces exerted upon it by said

airfoil and said rods.

15. (Currently amended) A kite including ~~a fin-like structure, said fin-like structure~~ comprising:

an airfoil portion having one or more edges ~~that define an~~ apertures;

a connector including two or more legs coupled by a junction portion, thereby forming a saddle region; and

an airfoil portion supporting rod coupled to each of said two or more legs;

wherein one or more of said edges apertures are engaged with said saddle portion, said airfoil portion and said rods exerting opposing forces on said connector.

16. (Currently amended) The kite of according to Claim 15, ~~further comprising a pole coupled to said airfoil portion at a side opposite a side said one or more edges~~ in which said connector comprises a flexible material.

17. (Currently amended) A method of assembling a kite having a frame comprising at least one rod and an airfoil portion supported by said frame, comprising including:

inserting a connector having a saddle through an aperture defined in ~~an~~ said airfoil portion of the kite such that said airfoil portion engages a said saddle portion of said connector;

connecting said connector to said at least one rod; and

orienting said engaged airfoil portion to exert a force on said connector[,.] that is opposed by a force exerted by said connected rod and on said connector.